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SUBJECT: NEGOTIATIONS TO FORM RIGHTWING ALIGNMENT AT SERIOUS
IMPASSE

1. INITIATIVE OF FORMER GENERAL SHARON TO CREATE A NEW RIGHTWING ALIGNMENT UNITING GAHAL, THE STATE LIST AND THE FREE CENTER PARTIES ON A SINGLE KNESSET LIST HAS REACHED SERIOUS IMPASSE. ON AUGUST 30 GAHAL EXECUTIVE BY 11-3 REJECTED SHARON'S COMPROMISE OFFERING TWO SMALLER PARTIES THREE SECURE PLACES EACH AMONG FIRST THIRTY-ONE ON UNIFIED LIST. AS ONE HERUT LEADER NOTED, SUCH AN ACCOMMODATION WOULD LEAVE GAHAL WITH ONE SECURE PLACE LESS THAN ITS CURRENT KNESSET REPRESENTATION.

2. FREE CENTER PARTY LEADER TAMIR AUGUST 30 TOLD PRESS CONFERENCE THAT HIS PARTY WOULD PRESENT SEPARATE LIST FOR KNESSET ELECTIONS. HE BLAMED GAHAL LEADERSHIP FOR BREAKDOWN OF NEGOTIATIONS AND ACCUSED IT OF ACTING IN BAD FAITH, CHARGING THAT HERUT LEADER BEGIN HAD BEEN AGAINST THE PROPOSED ALIGNMENT FROM START.

3. EFFORTS TO REVIVE NEGOTIATING PROCESS MAY BE RESUMED OVER
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WEEKEND BUT OUTLOOK AT PRESENT APPEARS BLEAK. STATE LIST

LEADERS SO FAR HAVE REFRAINED FROM COMMENT. GAHAL AND
STATE LIST MAY STILL DECIDE TO SET UP JOINT LIST TOGETHER
ANOTHER POSSIBILITY BROACHED AUTHORITATIVELY IS THAT THREE PARTIES
WOULD GO TO ELECTIONS SEPARATELY AND DECIDE ON POSSIBLE KNESSET
ALIGNMENT AFTERWARDS.
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